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Sen. Toy's legislation has broken 30 year logjam for protection on prepaid funerals

Lansing – Legislation protecting consumers' prepaid funeral arrangements was signed into law yesterday, Sen. Laura Toy, R-Livonia, announced.

"Consumers using prepaid funeral arrangements have been taken advantage of for 30 years too long and it's time it stopped," Toy said. "I'm thrilled this legislation is finally on the books to protect families when they are most vulnerable. I applaud our governor for realizing the value of this legislation."

Public Acts 21 and 22 require all sellers of prepaid funeral goods and services to place 100 percent of a consumer's money in a secure escrow account. This ensures the money is available to pay for goods and services at a later date or provide a full refund, if necessary. The legislation also ensures that purchasers of cemetery goods and services can receive a full refund.

"Today we celebrate improved regulation of the funeral industry and the families they serve," Toy said. "Thirty years is too long to wait for the creation of consumer confidence in an industry all of our families will have to deal with at some point. For years, families were unable to obtain relief when they were grieving. The logjam is over – consumers now have more protection."

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